

**Lakewood Development Corporation**  
**March 14, 2023**  
**Via live stream**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order** – R. Coles, Vice Chairman, 4:33pm

Announcement of Meeting in Compliance with the Sunshine Law.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the provisions of the Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, c. 231 by notice published in the Asbury Park Press, and by posting of same in the office of the Municipal Clerk, the office of the Lakewood Development Corporation, and upon the public bulletin board of the Lakewood Municipal Building.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** A. Akerman R. Coles; L. Gold; A. Muller (4:44); Rabbi Weisberg and alternate P. Donnelly

**Also Present:** S. Kean, Corporate Counsel, D. Klein Executive Director, and staff member J. Wilkes

**Absent:** E. Rennert and M. McNeil

**Flag Salute**

**Motion** – Rabbi Weisberg/A. Akerman

To accept the minutes of the February 7, 2023, meeting.

**Roll Call**

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business**

The Executive Director informed the board that P. Donnelly the township's municipal manager was making a presentation for Drone purchases. The funds would be to purchase two drones, and funding for training of police, OEM members and volunteers to pilot the drones. The Federal Government requires qualified. Ray Coles stated that a drone was successful in helping find a lost child so getting the drones would help in security in the downtown area as well as assisting in searching numerous areas quickly. Discussion followed.

Vice Chairman asked for a roll call to prepare proposal for submission to the UEZA.  
All in favor

Yehudis Jacobovitch was present to submit a request for funding of a Chair Lift on behalf of NPGS. She informed the board that have had several employees who can no longer use the stairs. Installation of a chair lift would help these employees to continue working. Discussion followed with consensus under the current guidelines this may not fall for UEZA

funding, but does fall under our current project for a Business Technology grant and possible loan.

A. Muller arrived in meeting 4:44pm.

The Vice Chairman informed the board that he was approached for possibility of obtaining a grant to change the church to a multi-function facility which will include a daycare and a meeting place for Senior Citizens to have a central area to meet and receive training and job referrals. They are seeking a grant of \$250, 000 to \$300,00 to redo the outside of the facility as well as some interior changes. The Vice Chairman that there has been requests to improve the downtown area and bringing back a façade grant and other upgrades.

A roll call was taken to test the waters and if there is enough interest, ask the applicant to submit a formal proposal to bring to the board.

The Executive Director informed the board that he had discussions with the Municipal Manager regarding the possibility of getting UEZ funding for the bus line and turned the meeting over to Mr. Donnelly. The Municipal Manager informed the board that the bus line ridership numbers have exceeded 100,000 and the township would like to expand the bus service and purchase buses (possibly used) to keep down costs. He also stated that the buses would be bigger with strap hangers, wider aisles, double doors and be handicap accessible.

#### **Report of Corporate Counsel:**

For closed Session

#### **Directors Report:**

The Director provided a brief update on status of projects, informed the board that the State Auditor is coming in on Thursday. He also stated that on Thursday he will be discussing the zone map modifications to get back on track.

The Director was happy to inform the members EZA met last week board that the project submissions for 23-24 Revolving Loan and the Business-to-Business Networking were approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Rabbi Weisberg was doing a follow up from last meeting discussion he wants to put together proposals to expand the business loan program to higher level and opening it up to possibly joint participation loans like we had in the past. We are putting out feelers throughout the town, having informal meetings with business leaders in the community and we are soliciting comments and ideas from the public.

#### **Public Comment:**

The Director read aloud to the board an email received from Gavriel Goldman on Tuesday March 14 at 7:30 AM which contained a letter addressed to the board regarding the Agreement with Kanarek to construct a new community center in exchange for land for his shopping center.

R. Coles provided response emphasizing that the issue is in getting the Final CAFRA permit from the state not anyone trying to get out of the agreement. Our Township Attorney is working with them to get a modified agreement that will contain everything we need.

**Trustees Comments:**

**Chairman's Comments:**

None

Seeing nothing on the consent agenda, the Vice Chairman moved on to non-consent agenda

**Motion:** Rabbi Weisberg/L. Gold

To accept Resolution 23-03-1 – Awarding Business Expansion Loan of \$50,000.00

Roll Call

**All in favor**

**Motion Carried**

Motion: L. Gold/A. Muller

To enter closed session – Litigation purposes

5:01pm

Motion: R. Coles/A .Akerman

To enter Open Session

5:22pm

**Motion:** M. McNeil/R. Coles

To Adjourn

All in favor

5:23 PM